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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 1/20/06 . 20) ☐ Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2,4-7,9-15,17-21,23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Seaton. (US 5,279,417). Seaton discloses a package for a product. The package has a front panel configured to cooperate with the back panel to form an enclosure and surround at least a portion of the main body to secure the product in the enclosure such that the handle is exposed so that a person can grip the handle of the product. The handle extends in a substantially vertical direction but is substantially transversely from the main body. The enclosure is in substantially the same shape as applicant's enclosure. The enclosure has an opening. The panel is transparent. The front panel and back panel are joined along at least one edge. The front panel and back panel each has a top portion, a bottom portion, a first side portion and a second side portion. The first side portion extending between the top and bottom portion and defining inner and outer edges and the second side portion having a cutout extending through a central portion thereof and substantially to the inner edge of the first side portion. The package also surrounds a tip portion of the product and a mid portion of the handle is unencumbered by the enclosure. The mid portion that is not encumbered is the area of the handle outside of the enclosure. The enclosure having a first space within the top portion for securing the body portion between first and second panel. A second space in the bottom portion between the first and second panels. A

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third space is any space other than the first and second space between the first and second panels such as the space adjacent to the first space.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 8,16,22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seaton or Weatherford et al. in view of Official Notice. Although the base reference does not disclose a glue gun, it is notoriously known to place a glue gun in a package such as a blister package. It would have been obvious in view of Official Notice to store glue gun in the package of Seaton or Weatherford et al. to allow the interactive display.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 1/20/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the package is for products having two handles as opposed to a single handle. However, the term "single handle" does not overcome a reference that has multiple handles on a tool. As long as the tool has at least one handle, it will read on the claim. Moreover, the single handle by Seaton is exposed and a person can grip the handle regardless whether both handles can be partially squeezed together by a person.

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Conclusion


6. Telephone inquiries regarding the status of applications or other general questions, by persons entitled to the information, should be directed to the group clerical personnel and not to the examiners. In as much as the official records and applications are located in the clerical section of the examining groups, the clerical personnel can readily provide status information without contacting the examiners, M.P.E.P. 203.08.

If in receiving this Office Action it is apparent to applicant that certain documents are missing, e.g., copies of references cited, form PTO-1449, form PTO-892, etc., requests for copies of such papers should be directed to Erica Miller at (571) 272-4370.

For applicant's convenience, the official FAX number is 571-273-8300. This practice may be used for filing papers not requiring a fee. It may also be used for filing papers which require a fee by applicants who authorize charges to a PTO deposit account. Please identify Examiner Luong of Art Unit 3728 at the top of your cover sheet of any correspondence submitted.

Inquiries concerning the merits of the examination should be directed to Shian Luong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4557. The examiner can normally be reached on M-H from 7:00am to 4:00pm EST. Applicant's supervisor Mickey Yu can be reached at (571) 272-4562 for urgent matters.

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